International Association For Ambulatory Surgery - IAAS

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History of IAAS (1)

- First European Congress on Ambulatory Surgery, held in Brussels, Belgium, 8-9th March 1991, and organised by Claude de Lathouwer, President, Belgian Association of Ambulatory Surgery.
- The Second European Congress on Ambulatory Surgery was held in Brussels, 19-20th March 1993, during which a group of representatives from interested nations held an informal meeting, convened by Claude de Lathouwer, to consider the formation of an international association dedicated to ambulatory surgery.
- A further meeting was held in London (UK), 17-18th September 1993, and the interested group became the Foundation Committee, which unanimously agreed that the International Association for Ambulatory Surgery should be formed. Claude de Lathouwer was elected Convenor.
History of IAAS (2)

• Ambulatory Surgery, a journal dedicated to ambulatory (day) surgery practice had been commenced in 1992, with Paul Jarrett (UK) as editor. The first issue was launched in March 1993 during the Second European Congress. It was agreed that Ambulatory Surgery would become the official journal of the Association.

• The next meeting of the Foundation Committee was held in Orlando (USA), 9-10th May 1994, and this was almost entirely dedicated to drawing up the Constitution.

• The Foundation Committee met again on 14th March 1995 during the First International (Third European) Congress on Ambulatory Surgery and the Constitution was adopted.

• The following day, 15th March 1995, formation of the International Association for Ambulatory Surgery was announced at the Congress by Claude de Lathouwer, who had been elected Foundation President.
The International Association For Ambulatory Surgery (IAAS)

• Founded in 1995 by 12 national associations and is registered as a non-governmental organization in Belgium.

• The IAAS is an international scientific society whose membership brings together the National Associations representing all professional figures involved in the day surgery process from all over the world.

• Currently, IAAS counts 23 members from all over the world.
Our Members

ASC, SAMBA

BAAS, BADS, DSDK, NVDK, SUOPA, AFCA, BAO, HAAS, FIDS, NORDAF, APCA, ASECMA, SADS, RAAS

APCACE, SCARE

IADS, CASA, JSSSA

ADSC, ADSNA
Members

- Australian Day Surgery Association (ADSC, ADSNA)
- Ambulatory Surgery Center Association (ASC)
- Belgian Association of Ambulatory Surgery (BAAS)
- British Association of Day Surgery (BADS)
- China Ambulatory Surgery Alliance (CASA)
- Danish Association of Day Surgery (DSDK)
- Dutch Association of Day Care & Short Stay (NVDK)
- Finnish Ambulatory Anaesthesiologists
- Suomen Päiväkirurgiset Anestesiologit (SUOPA)
- French Association of Ambulatory Surgery (AFCA)
- German Association for Ambulatory Surgery (BAO)
- Hungarian Association of Ambulatory Surgery (HAAS)
- Indian Association of Day Surgery
- Italian Federation of Ambulatory Surgery (FIDS)
- JSSSA (Japanese Short Stay Surgery Association)
- Norwegian Day Surgery Association (NORDAF)
- Portuguese Association of Ambulatory Surgery (APCA)
- Society of Ambulatory Anaesthesia (SAMBA)
- Spanish Association of Major Ambulatory Surgery (ASECMA)
- Swedish Association of Day Surgery (SADS)
- Sociedad Colombiana de Anestesiologia y Reanimacion (SCARE) the Colombian Society of Anaesthesiologists

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS
- Australian Day Surgery Nurses Association (ADSNA)
- Italian Association of Private Day Surgery Hospitals

CORRESPONDING MEMBERS
- Peruvian Association of Ambulatory Surgery (APCACE)
- Romanian Association of Ambulatory Surgery (RAAS)
- Candidate Members:
  - Serbian Association For Ambulatory Surgery?
  - Bosnia & Herzegovina Association For Ambulatory Surgery?
Our Mission

• The mission of the IAAS is to promote the worldwide development and growth of high quality ambulatory surgery (quality, safety & cost-effectiveness).

• In this light, IAAS members work together to carry out this mission free of partisan spirit and prejudice and are committed to the values of solidarity and equity of access to healthcare.
Our main objectives

- To serve as an international multi-disciplinary forum for the exchange of information and advancement of ambulatory surgery
- To promote education and research
- To establish guidelines and
- To act as an advisory body to all interested parties for the development and maintenance of high standards of patient care in ambulatory surgery facilities.
Our main Objectives (2)

- Contribute to reducing the gap in ambulatory surgery services within the developed world and the rest of the world both in terms of scale, quality and safety.

- Influence policy making bodies at both national and international level to take sustainable decisions that encourage the development of ambulatory surgery as a sustainable and safe model of care whose implementation contributes to the reduction of hospital costs, improvement of patient satisfaction and reduction of health inequalities.

- Promote the development of high quality ambulatory surgery and stimulate the formation of ambulatory surgery associations in the countries in which it is underdeveloped.
Our Programme

• Capacity building (Education & Training)

• Research

• Benchmarking, networking and advocacy
Our Role

• Provide and share our expertise in all facets of the day surgery process
  • Management
  • Design & building models
  • Nursing
  • Surgical
  • Anaesthesia
• Also, share experiences across a wide range of models of Health Provision
Our Activities

- We provide training and technical support in ambulatory surgery for surgeons, anaesthetists, nurses and managers

- We promote the international exchange of knowledge and experience in ambulatory surgery

- We collaborate with International healthcare bodies

- We stimulate the formation of national associations for ambulatory surgery
First International Congress was held in Brussels in 1995

Biennial International Congresses

9th IAAS Meeting
Copenhagen – Denmark, 8 – 11 May 2011
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Publications

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**AMBULATORY (DAY) SURGERY**

Suggested international terminology and definitions
International Projects and Funding

Consumers, Health and Food Executive Agency
Chafea

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Main Highlights & Work Plans:

- International Congress – Barcelona, May 10-12, 2015
- AFCA-IAAS European Congress – Paris, France 2016
- IAAS XII. International Congress On Ambulatory Surgery, China Alliance For Ambulatory Surgery, 8 – 11 May, 2017
- **IAAS-APCA European Congress On AS, Porto, Portugal, May 2018**
- **IAAS-SCARE Congress On AS, Columbia, 2019**

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- Capacity building & closing the gap: Train the Trainer Workshops, “Day Surgery Making it Happen” in Bosnia & Herzegovina (done, November 2015), to be followed by, Lativa, Slovenia, Africa (Sudan), South America (Columbia) etc...
- Annual Survey and Benchmarking exercise
- Building Day Surgery Units „How Can I Make It”
- Promoting Research work